

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph commencing at page 10, line 14 is amended as follows:

With the ~~purchase-sale~~ accepting means 22, the CPU 101 recognizes data received via the communication I/F 113 in accordance with the control program stored in the RAM 104. More specifically, the ~~purchase-sale~~ accepting means 22 receives a sale offer from the seller's terminal unit 11 in the form of data.